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Title of the Invention

Heating Radiator/Towel Rail

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to a heating radiator/towel rail.

Background of the Invention

The trend to extend image and/or information display systems to bathrooms, particularly hotel bathrooms is indicated by proposals such as PCT/GB02/02944 to inset a TV monitor into a bathroom wall, and EP 1168285 to incorporate a TV monitor into a mirror. Both involve substantial structural work and possibly re-tiling or redecorating resulting in heavy installation costs and non-availability of the hotel room until completion.

Object of the Invention

A basic object of the invention is the provision of an improved heating radiator/towel rail.

Summary of the Invention

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According to the present invention, there is provided a heating radiator or towel rail, particularly for installation in a bathroom such as a hotel bathroom, incorporating a TV or similar media/audio-visual/audio or visual display device with either built in, or separate speakers.



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Advantages of the Invention

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The heating radiator/towel rail in accordance with the invention permits simple installation e.g. into an existing bathroom, rather than the need for any major building works. However, the radiator/towel rail could equally well be installed in a kitchen or any other room, either residential, commercial, or industrial.

Preferred or Optional Features of the Invention

The radiator/towel rail is heatable electrically.

The radiator/towel rail is adapted to be connected to a (water filled) central heating system and hence is of any industry-standard radiator/towel rail length to enable use to be made of existing piping/connections with minimal plumbing work.

The TV or similar device is inset into the radiator/towel rail, such that the TV is flush, or substantially so, with a surface of the radiator/towel rail.

The TV or similar device is surface mounted onto, or into, the radiator/towel rail.

The TV or similar device, is attached to a back box.

Speakers and power supply means are also attached to the back box.

A cable entry/exit hole is provided in the back box.

The back box is of stainless steel or other non-rusting material.

An open front of the back box is closed off by a glass screen.

The engagement of the glass screen and the back box is in a water and vapour sealing manner.

A mirror vision film is located over an inner surface of the glass screen.

A black p.v.c. layer, with an aperture appropriate to the size of the TV screen, is located at the inner surface of the mirror vision film.

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The back box is fixed to a frame portion of the radiator/towel rail.

The TV or similar device is remotely controlled.

'The TV or similar device is provided with manual buttons/knobs.

The buttons/knobs are remotely mounted.

The TV or similar device is controlled by an external source e.g. a computer.

The TV or similar device is controlled by some form of touch sensor.

The radiator/towel rail unit is IP rated to enable it to moisture resistant or even waterproof.

The radiator/towel rail incorporates a mirror.

The radiator/towel rail utilises the "mirror vision" principle of a two-way mirror covering the screen, looking like a conventional mirror when the media type is switched off, but being viewable through when the media type is switched on.

Drawings

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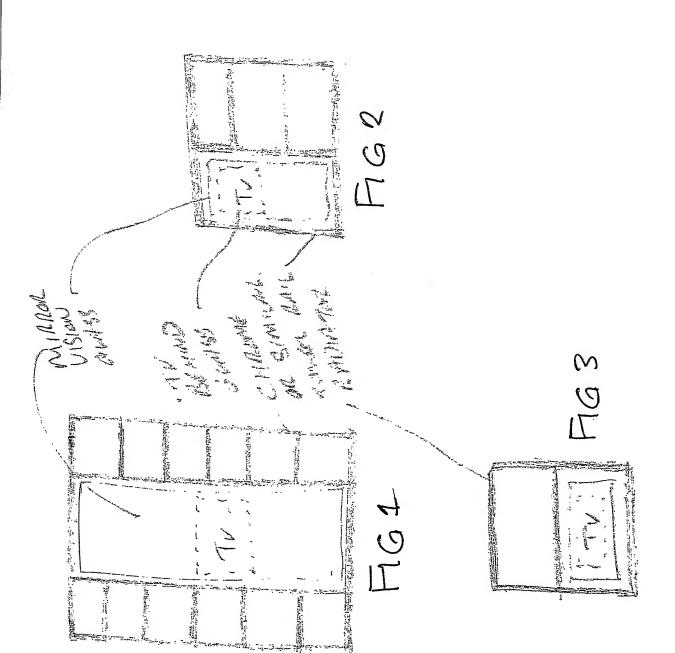
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One example of radiator/towel rail is shown in the accompanying drawing(s), in which:

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show schematically three alternative heating radiator/towel rails in accordance with the invention; and

Figure 4 shows, again schematically, one construction of heating radiator/towel rail.





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